## Cambridge O Level

## COMPUTER SCIENCE

## MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 50

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These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

## GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1 :

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.


## GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

## GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

## Marks must be awarded positively:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.


## GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

## GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

## GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

## Please note the following further points:

The words in bold in the mark scheme are important text that needs to be present, or some notion of it needs to be present. It does not have to be the exact word, but something close to the meaning.

If a word is underlined, this exact word must be present.
A single forward slash means this is an alternative word. A double forward slash means that this is an alternative mark point.
Ellipsis (...) on the end of one-mark point and the start of the next means that the candidate cannot get the second mark point without being awarded the first one. If a mark point has an ellipsis at the beginning, but there is no ellipsis on the mark point before it, then this is just a follow-on sentence and can be awarded without the previous mark point.

| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 1 | A | 1 |



| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 3 | One mark for each correct answer <br> - structure diagram / chart <br> - flowchart <br> - pseudocode | 3 |

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| 4(a) | One mark for each point (max three). <br> - range check with acceptable values is (greater than) zero and less than 1000 <br> - presence check to ensure the program will not continue until a value has been entered <br> - type/character check to ensure that a number is entered <br> - length check to ensure there are no more than 3 digits entered | 3 |
| 4(b)(i) | To verify the data / for verification / as a verification check // to make sure that no changes are made to the data on entry | 1 |
| 4(b)(ii) | One mark for each point (max three). <br> - use of iteration <br> - use of two inputs <br> - to check that the two inputs are the same / different <br> - use of the given variable Measurement <br> For example <br> REPEAT <br> OUTPUT "Please enter measurement " INPUT Measurement <br> OUTPUT "Please re-enter measurement " INPUT MeasurementCheck <br> UNTIL Measurement = MeasurementCheck | 3 |


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| 5 | Due to an issue with Question 5, the question has been removed from the question paper. |  |


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| 6 | One mark for each feature and one mark for corresponding example (max six) <br> - ensuring that all identifiers have meaningful names ... <br> - ... example using Total to store a running total <br> - using comments to explain how the program works ... <br> - ...example // all values are zeroed before the next calculation <br> - using procedures and functions for the tasks within a program ... <br> - ... example CalculateInterest(Deposit, Rate) | 6 |


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| 7(a) | - 07 <br> - $04 / 12$ or 16/18 <br> - $02 / 20$ | 3 |
| 7(b) | One mark for each error identified and correction <br> - Line 07 Total $\leftarrow$ Total + Number * Counter <br> should be Total $\leftarrow$ Total + Number[Counter] * Counter <br> - Line 08 IF Number[Counter] $=0$ <br> should be IF Number[Counter] = -1 // should be IF Number[Counter] < 0 <br> - Line 16 FOR Counter $\leftarrow 0$ TO 5 <br> should be FOR Counter $\leftarrow 1$ TO 5 | 3 |


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| 7(c) | One mark for place in algorithm (max one) <br> - around lines 05 and 06 <br> - line 07 <br> - (immediately) after the input of the number <br> Three marks pseudocode <br> One mark for each point (max three) <br> - Use of REPEAT ... UNTIL // any working loop structure <br> - check for >0 // >=0 <br> - check for <10 // >9 <br> - check for whole number <br> - check for -1 <br> - check for length of digit <> 1 <br> Example <br> REPEAT <br> OUTPUT "Enter a digit " <br> INPUT Number[Counter] <br> UNTIL Number[Counter] = Round(Number[Counter],0) AND ((Number[Counter] = -1) OR <br> (Number[Counter] > 0 AND Number[Counter] < 10)) | 4 |


| Question | Answer |  |  |  |  | Marks |
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| 8 | 4 marks for 8 correct outputs <br> 3 marks for $6 / 7$ correct outputs <br> 2 marks for $4 / 5$ correct outputs <br> 1 mark for $2 / 3$ correct outputs |  |  |  |  | 4 |
|  | A | B | C | X |  |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |  |  |
|  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  |  |



| Question |  |  | Answer | Marks |
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| 10(a) | SongNumber |  |  | 1 |
| 10(b) | One mark for every two correct data types |  |  | 2 |
|  | Field | Data Type |  |  |
|  | SongNumber | Text/Alphanumeric |  |  |
|  | Title | Text/Alphanumeric |  |  |
|  | Recorded | Date/time |  |  |
|  | Minutes | Real |  |  |
| 10(c) | One mark for e <br> - to find the <br> - to find the <br> - available for | ch point <br> tal number of minutes of music <br> tal number of songs <br> the genre rock |  | 3 |


| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 11(a) | One mark for any two correct lines |  |
|  | DECLARE P : STRING |  |
|  | $\mathrm{P} \leftarrow$ "The world" |  |
| DECLARE Q $:$ CHAR |  |  |
| $Q \leftarrow ' W '$ |  |  |


| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 11(b) | One mark for each point (max four) <br> - converting P to upper case <br> - finding the length of $P$ <br> - using a loop to check for position of $Q$ <br> - using the string operation substring <br> - storing the loop counter in Position if the value is found <br> For example: ```P}\leftarrow UCASE (P Counter }\leftarrow Position \leftarrow 0 REPEAT IF SUBSTRING(P, Counter, 1) = Q THEN Position }\leftarrow\mathrm{ Counter``` ENDIF Counter $\leftarrow$ Counter +1 UNTIL Position <> 0 OR Counter = LENGTH(P) | 4 |
| 11(c) | 5 | 1 |


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| 12 | Read the whole answer: <br> Check if each requirement listed below has been met. Requirements may be met using a suitable built-in function from the programming language used (Python, VB.NET or Java) <br> Mark SEEN on script if requirement met, cross if no attempt seen, NE if partially met (see marked scripts). <br> Use the tables for A02 and A03 below to award a mark in a suitable band using a best fit approach <br> Then add up the total. <br> Marks are available for: <br> - AO2 (maximum 9 marks) <br> - AO3 (maximum 6 marks) <br> Data Structures required names shown underlined must be used as given in the scenario <br> Arrays or lists Account, AccDetails <br> Variable Size, AccountNumber <br> Requirements (techniques) <br> R1 Check account number and password (iteration and validation, selection, input, output) <br> R2 Display menu and make a selection (output, input and selection) <br> R3 Perform actions selected (use of arrays and procedures with parameters) ```Example }15\mathrm{ mark answer in pseudocode // Procedures to be called PROCEDURE CheckDetails(AccID : INTEGER) DECLARE Name, Password : STRING // local variables Valid \leftarrow FALSE IF AccID <0 OR AccID > Size THEN OUTPUT "Invalid Account Number" ELSE OUTPUT "Please Enter Name " INPUT Name OUTPUT "Please Enter Password " INPUT Password IF Name <> Account[AccID,1] OR Password <> Account[AccID,2] THEN OUTPUT "Invalid name or password" ELSE``` | 15 |


| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 12 | ```Valid }\leftarrow Tru ENDIF ENDIF ENDPROCEDURE PROCEDURE Balance(AccID : INTEGER) OUTPUT "Your balance is ", AccDetails[AccID,1] ENDPROCEDURE PROCEDURE WithDrawal(AccID : INTEGER) DECLARE Amount : REAL // local variable REPEAT OUTPUT "Please enter amount to withdraw " INPUT Amount IF Amount > AccDetails[AccID,3] THEN OUTPUT "Amount greater than withdrawal limit" ENDIF IF Amount > AccDetails[AccID,2] + AccDetails[AccID,1] THEN OUTPUT "Amount greater than cash available" ENDIF IF Amount <= AccDetails[AccID,3] AND Amount < AccDetails[AccID,2] + AccDetails[AccID,1] THEN AccDetails[AccID,1] \leftarrow AccDetails[AccID,1] - Amount ENDIF UNTIL Amount<= AccDetails[AccID,3] AND Amount > AccDetails[AccID,2] + AccDetails[AccID,1] AND Amount > 0 ENDPROCEDURE PROCEDURE Deposit(AccID : INTEGER) DECLARE Amount : REAL // local variable REPEAT OUTPUT "Please enter a positive amount to deposit " INPUT Amount UNTIL Amount >0 AccDetails[AccID,1] \leftarrow AccDetails[AccID,1] + Amount``` |  |


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| 12 | ```ENDPROCEDURE // Declarations of global variables for information - not required in candidate responses DECLARE AccountNumber, Choice : INTEGER DECLARE Valid, Exit : BOOLEAN OUTPUT "Please enter your account number " INPUT AccountNumber CheckDetails(AccountNumber) IF Valid THEN REPEAT OUTPUT "Menu" OUTPUT "1. display balance" OUTPUT "2. withdraw money" OUTPUT "3. deposit money" OUTPUT "4. exit" OUTPUT "please choose 1, 2, 3 or 4" INPUT Choice CASE OF Choice 1 : Balance(AccountNumber) 2 : Withdrawal(AccountNumber) 3 : Deposit(AccountNumber) 4 : Exit \leftarrow TRUE OTHERWISE OUTPUT "Invalid choice" ENDCASE UNTIL Choice = 4 ELSE OUTPUT "Invalid account number " ENDIF``` |  |

## Marking Instructions in italics

AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of the principles and concepts of computer science to a given context, including the analysis and design of computational or programming problems

| 0 | 1-3 | 4-6 | 7-9 |
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| No creditable response. | At least one programming technique has been used. <br> Any use of selection, iteration, counting, totalling, input and output. | Some programming techniques used are appropriate to the problem. <br> More than one technique seen applied to the scenario, check the list of techniques needed. | The range of programming techniques used is appropriate to the problem. <br> All criteria stated for the scenario have been covered by the use of appropriate programming techniques, check the list of techniques needed. |
|  | Some data has been stored but not appropriately. <br> Any use of variables or arrays or other language dependent data structures e.g. Python lists. | Some of the data structures chosen are appropriate and store some of the data required. <br> More than one data structure used to store data required by the scenario. | The data structures chosen are appropriate and store all the data required. <br> The data structures used store all the data required by the scenario. |

## Marking Instructions in italics

AO3: Provide solutions to problems by:

- evaluating computer systems
- making reasoned judgements
- presenting conclusions

| 0 | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-6 |
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| No creditable response. | Program seen without relevant comments. | Program seen with some relevant comment(s). | The program has been fully commented. |
|  | Some identifier names used are appropriate. <br> Some of the data structures used have meaningful names. | The majority of identifiers used are appropriately named. <br> Most of the data structures used have meaningful names. | Suitable identifiers with names meaningful to their purpose have been used throughout. <br> All of the data structures used have meaningful names. |
|  | The solution is illogical. | The solution contains parts that may be illogical. | The program is in a logical order. |
|  | The solution is inaccurate in many places. <br> Solution contains few lines of code with errors that attempt to perform a task given in the scenario. | The solution contains parts that are inaccurate. <br> Solution contains lines of code with some errors that logically perform tasks given in the scenario. Ignore minor syntax errors. | The solution is accurate. <br> Solution logically performs all the tasks given in the scenario. Ignore minor syntax errors. |
|  | The solution attempts at least one of the requirements. <br> Solution contains lines of code that attempt at least one task given in the scenario. | The solution meets most of the requirements. <br> Solution contains lines of code that perform most tasks given in the scenario. | The solution meets all the requirements given in the question. <br> Solution performs all the tasks given in the scenario. |

